

REMARKS

Claims 34-75 have been cancelled from this application. Applicant reserves the right to re-introduce claims 34-75 in a divisional application.

Applicant believes that all issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed and that allowance of the pending claims is appropriate. Entry of the amendments herein and further examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408) 414-1210 to discuss any issue that may advance prosecution.

No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-1302 (Docket No. 50277-1734) and to credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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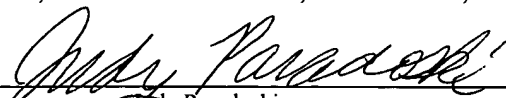
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